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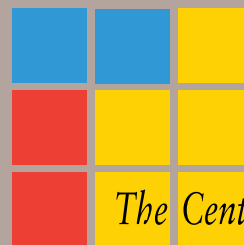
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FROM LEFT: Associate Professor Marc Greenberg shares information on LLM programs at GGU's booth at the 2006 State Bar of California Annual Meeting; new Hitachi Data Systems Solutions Business Analyst Jasbir Kaur Khalsa; and GGU alumni at the US Patent and Trademark Office (from left) David Sterkin, Morgan Wynne, Dan Russell, Christina Sobral, and Peter Fowler.

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The magazine you are holding (or viewing at the School of Law website) has the new name of *Golden Gate Lawyer*. But its goal remains the same: to provide information about the achievements of GGU law alumni, faculty, and students and about academic programs, facilities, and advancement. Please contact me with your feedback on this and future issues of *Golden Gate Lawyer* and your suggestions for how we may best achieve the aforementioned goal.

– Jill Goetz, editor, jgoetz@ggu.edu, 415-442-6636.

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LETTER

I passed the July 2006 bar and now work as a deputy district attorney in San Joaquin County, California. I would greatly like to thank the staff at GGU Law Career Services, who worked with me every year to help assist me in getting various jobs. They went out of their way to ask me questions and get me to think on my feet.

I have followed my dream, and it has happened. I interned at the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office in the Sexual Assault Unit after my second year and interned there again in the Family Violence Unit after taking the bar. My career goal is to be a deputy district attorney with Santa Clara County. Working at Santa Clara while in law school enabled me to form mentorships and friendships that will last a lifetime. I am confident that eventually I will end up working there.

The reason I have great recommendations (besides my hard work ethic and personality) is because of GGU. I graduated with the Criminal Law Certificate and the Litigation Certificate. The most valuable course I took was California Legal Research. When my mentor/boss asked me if I knew how to look certain things up, I would reply, "Of course." He obviously had had interns from other schools who did not know basic legal research skills. It was the California Legal Research class that enabled me to work and be effective in my job.

I have had several attorneys at Santa Clara ask me for a mini-tutorial on how to look up certain things. I always mention I learned my skills at GGU. Bernie Segal, the litigation clinics, and the trial programs have enabled me to succeed in the courtroom. After arguing a suppression motion as a certified post bar clerk for three days, in which officers were called both as prosecution witnesses and as defense witnesses, I was able to win the motion. Without the oral advocacy skills taught in such classes as Courtroom as Theatre, I would not be prepared for my internships or my current job. Without Trial Advocacy there is no way I would know the first thing about writing an opening, direct, or cross examination.

It is because of these classes, because of GGU, that when I am called on by the judge in open court to answer random questions about the defense's cases cited in various motions, I am able to not only think on my feet, but respond assertively and articulately.

Thank you GGU, for everything. It was the best school I could have chosen.

—Annamarie FitzGerald (JD 06)

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the fall/winter 2006 issue of the Golden Gate University School of Law alumni magazine, newly named *Golden Gate Lawyer*. We chose this name for two primary reasons. First, because it better reflects the comprehensive legal education we provide to our students and the diversity of practice areas in which our alumni are engaged. Second, *Golden Gate Lawyer* identifies us more closely with Golden Gate University and San Francisco, the world-class city in which we are ideally located.

Golden Gate Law is proud to be a part of this city's great legacy. For over 100 years, the School of Law has played a vital role in the advancement of San Francisco and the Bay Area. For more news about our alumni living in the Bay Area and far beyond, see the (also newly named) "Class Action" section of this magazine, which includes alumni Class Notes. Speaking of class action, I am happy to report that our newest alumni, from the class of 2006, helped raise our first-time bar passage percentage on the California bar exam 40% higher than the previous year—an increase of 18 points!

Whether or not you practice intellectual property law, I think you'll enjoy the feature story on our Intellectual Property Law Program beginning on page 10. IP law encompasses a broad spectrum of practice areas—patent law, copyright and trademark law, sports law, Internet law, to name a few—and our faculty and alumni are working in them all. Scarcely a day goes by that our major newspapers don't have stories relating to IP issues in the biotechnology, computer software, entertainment, and many other industries. Though these stories often describe high-profile people and products and multimillion-dollar stakes, IP is an area that touches all of our lives, and more attorneys are needed to handle IP-related cases.

Also, in this issue—back by popular demand, you might say—is a new list of our "Super Lawyer" alumni. You'll find the 2006 listing of Northern California attorneys named "Super Lawyers" who graduated from Golden Gate on page 26.

This issue also contains the School of Law Honor Roll of Donors along with a list of alumni volunteers for FY 2005–06. The generosity of our alumni and friends inspires us to do the best we can for our students. I am extremely grateful to every one of our supporters.

I also wish to thank the many alumni who attended our reception at the 2006 State Bar of California Annual Meeting in Monterey this fall; some photos from the gathering appear in the back of this issue. It was wonderful to connect with alumni from throughout California (and elsewhere). We celebrated not just their accomplishments, but the continuing accomplishments of our outstanding students, such as the four honored the first day of the Annual Meeting, when they each received Foundation of the State Bar Scholarships (see story on page 5).

May the New Year bring many more such wonderful gatherings and successes for each of our current and former students.

Best Regards,



Dean Frederic White



FACULTY NEWS



Professor ROGER BERNHARDT published a brief article on foreclosure in *The Abstract*, the newsletter of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.



Professor LESLIE BURTON participated in a conference at Kultur University in Istanbul, Turkey, in May and taught a weeklong seminar on American Legal Analysis to Turkish lawyers.



Professor MORTON COHEN received widespread media coverage (including a front-page feature in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* in August) for his successful efforts to close a notorious San Francisco County jail and see a new, more humane jail built next door. More recently, he participated in a panel presentation to a statewide meeting of lawyers sponsored by Protection & Advocacy, Inc, titled "Mental Health and Medical Issues in Prisons and Jails."



HELEN CHANG, associate professor, spoke on the history and development of the International Criminal Court in a panel discussion of the ICC at the San Francisco Public Library in early November. The panel was sponsored by the Bay Area Alliance in Support of the International Criminal Court.



RODNEY FONG, assistant dean for bar exam services, spoke at a panel titled "Beyond the Classroom" as part of the Academic Assistance Workshop this summer at Capital University School of Law in Columbus, Ohio. Fong's presentation specifically addressed the need to involve the entire law school community in bar-passage improvement regimes. His other professional activities have included moderating two panels at the State Bar of California's spring summit in San Jose and speaking at meetings of the

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TWO NEW VISITING FACULTY JOIN GOLDEN GATE SCHOOL OF LAW



BRENT PLATER has joined the School of Law as a visiting assistant professor of law and staff attorney with the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

Plater's résumé reflects his longstanding commitment to environmental protection and experience as a teacher and litigator. He has served as director of Bay Area programs for the Center for Biological Diversity and served as an environmental law fellow at Faegre & Benson, worked as a law clerk at the Environmental Law Foundation and as a conservation intern at the National Wildlife Federation, and

taught environmental law to undergraduates at Boston College and San Francisco State University. He serves on the Wildlife and Endangered Species Committee of the Sierra Club and was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Pet Management Rulemaking Committee. His speaking engagements this fall included a talk at San Francisco's Commonwealth Club.

Plater received his bachelor's degree in natural resources and environment from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment; his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall); and his master's in public administration from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. At Golden Gate University Plater teaches the Environmental Law and Justice Seminar.

JOSEPH LAVITT has joined Golden Gate as a visiting assistant professor of law. He has extensive experience teaching and practicing in the areas of insurance law and torts. He is teaching these subjects at Golden Gate as well as Special Problems Courses in Contracts, Torts, Evidence, and Property.

Lavitt has served as lead counsel to major insurers in numerous high-profile cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts and has represented indigent defendants on appeal in the California Courts of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. He has made many public presentations on preventing housing discrimination and effective enforcement of antidiscrimination law, and he is a published authority on issues of co-insurer liability. He is a member of the State Bar of California Standing Committee on Group Insurance Programs and is a Master, American Inns of Court.

Lavitt received his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, Athens (with high honors) and his JD from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall).



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National Association of Bar Executives in Honolulu; the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle; the State Bar of California in Monterey; and the American Bar Association National Workshops for Lawyer Assistance Programs in San Francisco.



WILLIAM GALLAGHER, associate professor, presented a paper this fall titled "Strategic Intellectual Property Litigation: What Intellectual Property Lawyers and Their Clients

Say (and Do) About Asserting IP Rights" at the Center for the Study of Law and Society at the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall). He also spoke on the Berkeley campus in August on "Strategic Intellectual Property Litigation: An Empirical Study of Enforcement of Intellectual Property Claims" at the prestigious Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, along with Associate Professor Marc Greenberg (see below).



MARC GREENBERG, associate professor, presented a paper titled "Reason or Madness: A Defense of Copyright's Growing Pains" at the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference in August at the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall). It was Greenberg's second time presenting at this prestigious annual conference.



Professor HELEN HARTNELL has a new article, published by Berkeley Electronic Press, titled "Belonging: Citizenship and Migration in the European Union and in Germany."



Professor HELEN KANG spoke at the Environmental Enforcement 2006 conference, sponsored by the Environmental Law Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco. Kang spoke on citizen suit enforcement and recent developments in the law.



Professor JANICE KOSEL has been appointed vice-chair of the UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California for a three-year term. She has also been elected to her fourth four-year term as director of the Kensington Fire Protection District.



DORIS NG, associate professor, wrote an article about two recent employment retaliation cases that was published in the November 6, 2006, edition of the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.



Professor DAVID OPPENHEIMER presented a paper this fall titled "The Legality of Promoting Inclusiveness: May the University of California Use Race or Ethnicity as Factors in Applicant Outreach?" at the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in a conference titled "Equal Opportunity in Higher Education: The Past and Future of Proposition 209." In addition, Oppenheimer published essays on at-will employment under US law in the inaugural issue (June 2006) of *Revue de Droit de Travail* (Labor Law Review) and published another essay on constructive discharge in the September 2006 issue of the law review published by Dalloz.



Professor CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN spoke on a panel on November 16 sponsored by the Environmental Law Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco. The panel was titled "US Supreme Court, 2005–2006 Term: Review of Environmental Decisions."



Professor SUSAN RUTBERG (JD 75) published the lead article in the current issue of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*. Her article, "Anatomy of a Miscarriage of Justice: The Wrongful Conviction of Peter J. Rose," appears in a special edition of the Law Review produced in conjunction with "The Faces of Wrongful Conviction Symposium" held earlier this year. Another article by Rutberg, "Conversational Cross-Examination" has been published by the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*. Rutberg and students in her "Wrongful Convictions" class are assisting the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice with research.

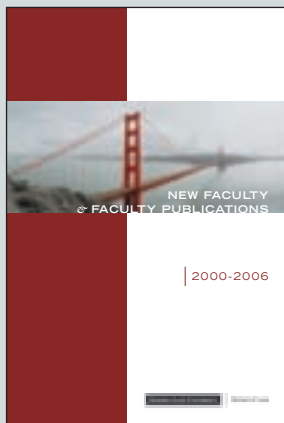


Professor SOMPONG SUCHARITKUL co-chaired the July 28 annual conference of the Thai Arbitration Institute in Bangkok to celebrate the second anniversary of the graduation of 300 newly trained arbitrators. He presented awards to two panelists, Ms. Saovane, member of the Constitutional Court of Thailand, Thailand's first and only female judge, and Mr. Dej-Udom, president of the Lawyers' Association of Thailand. Sucharitkul has been invited to give a speech (in French) at the University of Montreal as part of a distinguished lecture series with the theme "The Common Good and Health."



Professor RACHEL VAN CLEAVE presented a paper at a conference at the University of Indiana-Bloomington in October. She discussed her chapter on the Italian criminal justice system in an upcoming book on comparative criminal procedure. Also this fall, she presented a paper titled "Property Lessons in August Wilson's *The Piano Lesson* and the Wake of Hurricane Katrina" at the SALT Conference in Boston, on a panel titled "Hurricane Katrina: What Have We Learned?"

See the School of Law's new brochure listing selected publications by full-time faculty from 2000 to 2006 online at www.ggu.edu/law.



FROM LEFT:

1L Micol Benet and

3Ls Lynn Damiano

and Catherine Tullner.

Not shown: 3L Matthew Wood.



GGU Law Students HONORED at State Bar Annual Meeting

Four GGU law students received Foundation of the State Bar of California Law School Scholarships at a special reception during the State Bar of California Annual Meeting in Monterey in October. Ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500, these scholarships are given in recognition of law students' academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to public service. Since 1995, 25 GGU law students have received these prestigious awards. This year's winners are third-year students Lynn Damiano, Catherine Tullner, and Matthew Wood, and first-year student Micol Benet.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Tullner worked as a research scientist, started an independent sewing business, and was a domestic violence crisis counselor. While attending GGU, she has continued to work on issues of domestic violence and children's advocacy. She has interned at Bay Area Legal Aid, the Family and Children's Law Center, and the San Francisco Unified Family Court. She hopes to work in legal aid and eventually would like to create a nonprofit organization providing sliding-scale legal services to families.

Wood has been active in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community for many years. He holds a

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Benet, who has worked in the law office of famed criminal defense attorney Tony Serra and for prison psychologist Craig Haney, graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz and received an award in 2000 for her work on the Human Genome Project. She recently spent the summer volunteering with the California Appellate Project and hopes to work as a criminal defense attorney.

Damiano has worked for Federal District Court Judge Claudia Wilken, the Habeas Corpus Resource Center, and the Northern California Innocence Project. She serves on the *Golden Gate University Law Review* and Moot Court Board. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Damiano hopes to work in the field of criminal justice. Prior to attending GGU, she was active in local politics as an intern and volunteer for San Francisco Supervisor Chris Daly.

doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota. He has worked for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission and served on the Board of the GLBT Historical Society and the State Bar's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination. He currently serves on the Board of the Human Rights Commission of the City of San Francisco. Wood plans to represent transgender employees in employment cases as an attorney.

Students who wish to apply for the Foundation Law School Scholarships must be nominated by the law school administration and submit several letters of recommendation in addition to their transcripts and résumés.

– Angela Dalfen, assistant director for public interest and student leadership programs

Golden Gate Students ON THE MOVE ... Into Large Law Firms



FROM LEFT:
Paris Scott
(JD 06)
and Judith
Whitehouse
(JD 98)

She speaks four languages, externed during law school for US District Judge Susan Illston, ranks in the top 4% of her class, and was a summer associate this past summer at Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, where she was offered and accepted a full-time employment offer. Meet Paris Scott.

She is a scientist by day and law student by night, ranks in the top 1% of her class and was a summer associate this past summer at Squire Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., where she was offered and accepted a full-time employment offer. Meet Beth Seals.

Paris and Beth are two reasons an increasing number of law firms are looking to Golden Gate to recruit talent. In addition to Bullivant and Squire Sanders, this past summer our students were summer associates at such firms as Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati; Thelen Reid & Priest LLP; DLA Piper US LLP; Perkins Coie LLP; and Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP. This heightened interest

in recruiting at Golden Gate translated into a 67% increase in employer participation in our Fall Recruitment Program this past fall.



Beth Seals (JD 07) and Joe Meckes (JD 97)

Golden Gate's Fall Recruitment numbers are also rising because graduates are becoming more proactive about encouraging their respective firms to recruit on our campus. Alumni are working alongside students like Paris and Beth and are keenly aware of the recruiting potential at Golden Gate. That is what transpired with Bullivant and Squire Sanders.

Bullivant had recruited at the same Bay Area law schools for several years. That is, until Paris joined the firm as a summer associate last summer. Judith Whitehouse (JD 98), an associate at Bullivant, noted that "hiring Paris this past summer opened the door to the concept of recruiting on a more formal basis at Golden Gate." As a result of Paris' standout performance this past summer and Judith's connection to Golden Gate, Bullivant conducted On-Campus Interviews (OCI) this past fall through Golden Gate's Fall Recruitment Program, with plans to participate again next fall.

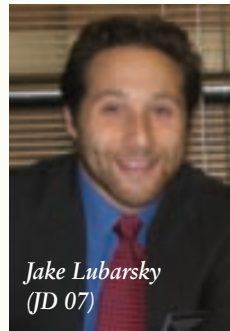
For Joe Meckes (JD 97), a partner at Squire Sanders, "Our recruiting program is all about finding the best lawyers to provide the highest-quality legal services for clients." Joe believes that many Golden Gate students have just the kinds of unique skills and life experiences that Squire Sanders' international and high-technology client base is looking for. Squire Sanders has been so impressed with Beth's work that it participated in Golden Gate's OCI Program this past fall. "I've been very impressed with the résumés I've seen through Golden Gate's OCI Program, and we are looking forward to participating again next year," Joe says.

If you would like to learn how you can recruit Golden Gate students, contact Courtney Fitzgibbons in Law Career Services at cfitzgibbons@ggu.edu or 415-369-5318.

— Courtney Fitzgibbons, assistant director for employer relations

Golden Gate Launches NEW JOURNAL on Environmental Law

By Jake Lubarsky (JD 07)



Jake Lubarsky
(JD 07)

The GGU School of Law's Environmental Law Program has yet another accomplishment to be proud of: it has just launched the brand new *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal (ELJ)*, a student-run publication dedicated to exploring contemporary and emerging issues in environmental law and policy. This new journal takes the place of the environmental law edition of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*.

ELJ's two annual editions will include a "Symposium Edition" containing lead articles written by academics and professionals, as well as student notes, comments and/or summaries. The "Pacific Region Edition" will consist of lead articles written by academics and professionals, as well as student notes, comments and/or summaries focusing on environmental law and policy issues in the Pacific Region (including, but not limited to the North American Pacific Coast and the Asian Pacific Rim and Basin).

The Symposium Edition will be published every summer to coordinate with the Environmental Law Symposium that the School of Law hosts in the fall. The Pacific Region Edition will publish in the winter, beginning in 2007–08.

The summer 2007 Symposium Edition centers on the impact that the 1982 Warren County, North Carolina protests have had on the current environmental justice movement. That series of protests and demonstrations spurred an

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Monica Gonzalez (left) is captain of the Mexican Women's National Soccer Team.

in South Bend, Indiana. As a freshman in college, she was recruited to play in the 1999 World Cup for Mexico (because one of her grandparents was born in Mexico, she was able to get dual citizenship); she later went on to play in the 2004 Olympics, where the Mexican women's team (ranked 24th) upset Canada's team (ranked 4th). She trained this summer to compete for qualification to play in the 2007 World Cup in China.

... her greatest **motivation**: a desire to **right the injustices** faced by **Mexican women athletes**.

Gonzalez grew up in a family of lawyers, so she wanted to do anything but practice law, she says. This changed, however, when she experienced injustices in the professional sports world and began to see law school as an avenue for change. A lifetime soccer player, she was also a member of the Women's United Soccer Association in 2003. During that time, she saw how the league's administration was its downfall. Having some contact with the players' representative—a lawyer—Gonzalez realized how beneficial it would be to the players and the league to have a representative who was both an athlete and a female.

Law school would be a step in that direction. She has seen further injustices in the lack of marketing and funding for the Mexican women's national team and hopes that with her combined JD/MBA she will not only be able to impact how this team is seen by the world, but also how women who play sports are seen by Mexicans.

Gonzalez says she was pleasantly surprised to discover that the material she is learning at GGU Law is neither dry nor boring. After three years of playing soccer around the world, it's nice to be able to sit down and learn, she says.

Gonzalez's greatest motivation is also the motivation that brought her to law school: a desire to right the injustices faced by Mexican women athletes. She wants to be more than just a player for the Mexican team; she wants to create change for girls in Mexico who want to play soccer, by making the Mexican Soccer Federation recognize the value of the women's team and making Mexican society see the value of having opportunities for young women to play sports.

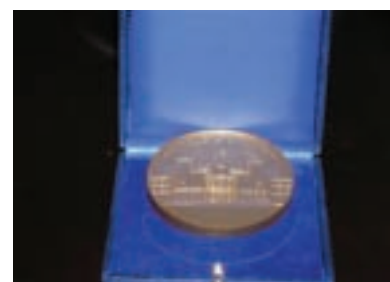
MONICA GONZALEZ Shines On and Off the Field

In 2006, Law Student Services began a "Spotlight" series of interviews by LSS staff members of students with interesting avocations and experiences. Below is an adaptation of a recent "Spotlight" of 2L Monica Gonzalez (JD/MBA).

Monica Gonzalez is an Olympic athlete and captain of the Mexican Women's National Soccer Team. Though the Texas native originally aspired to play soccer competitively for the United States, she says she has never regretted her decision to play for the Mexican National Team.

Gonzalez has been playing soccer since she was a child. She received a scholarship to play for the women's team at the University of Notre Dame

SNAPSHOTS from GGU STUDY ABROAD 2006



FROM TOP:

Alex Naegele (JD 08) at the Thai Supreme Court (his father, Charles Naegele LLM 08, also attended the Bangkok program); one of Thailand's many artistic treasures; Nathalie Tilliole (JD 91), an attorney with the French Senate, presented this medal on the Senate's behalf to the School of Law in 2006.



JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE: A Cornerstone of Liberty

By Michael Traynor

On September 18, Constitution Day, the School of Law was honored to have Michael Traynor, president of the American Law Institute and senior counsel at Cooley Godward LLP, speak as part of the Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series. The series

memorializes the Hon. Jesse Carter, a 1913 graduate of GGU School of Law and California Supreme Court Justice from 1939 to 1959. Justice Carter was a colleague for almost 20 years of Traynor's father, the Hon. Roger J. Traynor, who served as an Associate Justice upon his appointment in 1940 and later as Chief Justice.

An excerpt from Michael Traynor's talk appears below. His complete speech will be published in the January 2007 issue of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*, available for sale through the *GGU Law Review* directly or online through *Westlaw*, *Lexis-Nexis*, and *HeinOnline* at: 37 *Golden Gate U. L. Rev.* No. 2 (2007).

The term "judicial independence" is widely misunderstood. To some, "independence" connotes inappropriate "activism" or quests to "create" law unbound by the constraints of statutes or common law precedents. For many thoughtful people it is an "I know it when I see it" kind of term. Like the elusive phrase "sustainable development" in environmental discussions, it reflects values that are important to the people who hold them even though they may not agree about details.

The term in my view connotes judges whose tenure is reasonably secure, who have been selected carefully (recognizing that systems of selection vary), and who will decide cases according to the rule of law unconstrained by political fear, fear for physical safety, or other undue pressures, and uninfluenced by the status of the parties, the threat of salary reductions, or extraneous considerations. These characteristics are the basic ones, although it is possible to imagine heroic judges acting independently even if they were selected solely for political reasons or lack secure tenure.

It bears emphasis that there are relationships between and among our three branches of government. A good example is the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, explaining that the President's unilateral decision to institute military tribunals for Guantanamo prisoners disregarded statutory constraints imposed by Congress and that the proper way for a President to address such matters is to work with Congress. Judicial independence should not connote the image of some isolated jurist in the desert completely separated from reality, including separated from the legislature and the

executive, or immune from constraints or criticism. After all, legislatures provide the funds for the salaries of judges and the operations of their courts and enact jurisdictional statutes; executives often nominate or appoint judges; and within constitutional limits both the legislature and the executive can change the law that a judge has applied, sometimes in an "ongoing colloquy" between the branches. Judicial accountability is an integral part of judicial independence.

Why Is Judicial Independence Important?

Our Declaration of Independence describes the British king as having "made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries." Thomas Paine, providing common sense for the American Revolution, said "Where, you may ask, is our king? In monarchies, the king is the law. In our democracy, the law is king."

In contrast to monarchical domination, Article III of our Constitution provides that federal judges "hold their Offices during good Behavior" and that their compensation "shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office." Independence of judges from the will of the executive and from threats to their compensation is crucial.

Judicial independence is especially important today because the judiciary and the rule of law are under relentless and severe attacks from various quarters: In ways that both challenge Congress and may implicate the judiciary, the President is bypassing the separation of powers, for example, by the misuse of so-called signing statements saying that he will or may not follow an act of Congress, a practice recently and correctly condemned by the American Bar Association.

Can We Distinguish Between Appropriate and Inappropriate Criticism of the Judiciary?

Judges are public officials. With rare exceptions, their rulings are public records. Their actions in court are usually open to the public and often also are recorded by a court reporter or tape recorder, although such recordings cannot fully capture the judge's demeanor.

Judges are subject to procedural and substantive constraints, such as principles of personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction, standing, ripeness, mootness, applicable statutes and rules, the common law, and precedent and *stare decisis*. Courts other than the Supreme Court of the United States or the highest state court on a nonfederal issue are also subject to appellate review. They are not free to disregard these constraints.

Two key implications of the foregoing group of constraints are, first, they provide litigants and the public an extensive set of safeguards against judicial abuse or an individual judge's pursuit of personal goals or policies; and, second, they provide objective standards for analyzing and critiquing individual decisions. If critics think that a decision is wrong, invoking one or more of these objective standards in criticizing a decision not only is a permissible First Amendment right, it also is healthy and constructive. The law reviews are full of articles and student notes that often criticize as well as sometimes praise a judicial decision. When they or other commentators criticize a judicial decision for exceeding or violating one of these standards, they contribute to the marketplace of ideas for potential improvement. Because their comments by definition invoke an objective standard, they can be assessed for their persuasiveness, objectivity, and rationality.

It also is appropriate as well as potentially constructive for commentators to criticize judges that do not live up to minimal standards. For example, is the judge prepared, competent, and alert? Is she courteous to witnesses, jurors, parties, counsel, court staff, and others? Is the hearing and decision unburdened by undue delay? Does the judge listen impartially to the evidence and argument? If a written decision is prepared, is it intelligible? Critical comments again can be evaluated on the basis of their persuasiveness, objectivity, and rationality.

In May, Chief Justice John Roberts gave a welcome and friendly greeting to the members of the American Law Institute at our annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He distinguished between "informed criticism of judicial decisions" and "collateral attacks" on judges "because of disagreements with their decisions."

What are the limits, if any, to criticism of individual judges, individual decisions, and the judiciary as an institution? Apart from violations of the criminal law or acts that constitute contempt of court, given the extensive protections of the First Amendment,

there are very few limits on what is permissible criticism, as distinguished from what is appropriate or fair criticism.

Thomas Jefferson, for example, challenged life tenure for judges and said that "man is not made to be trusted for life, if secured against all liability to account," and that judges were "thieves of liberty." Theodore Roosevelt, who had appointed Justice Holmes, strongly expressed his disappointment after Holmes sided with the trusts in the Northern Securities case, in this way: "I could carve out of a banana a judge with more backbone."

Given such notorious illustrations of irresponsible comments from high public officials, can we educate the public to distinguish between informed criticism and collateral attack? This question leads to my next one.

What Can We Do About the Public's Inadequate Understanding of Judicial Independence?

I start with the following suggestions:

- If the criticism is not based on an objective standard but simply on the speaker's personal opinion, or religious belief, or disagreement with the decision or the underlying law, it should be unpersuasive to fair-minded listeners. The same goes for attacks on the integrity or motives of judges.
- Because of ethical considerations, judges rarely respond to attacks on their rulings. Most people have an innate sense of fairness. If adequately informed, perhaps they may be unwilling to be persuaded by a cheap shot.

About 30 years ago, I served on the California Commission on Fair Judicial Election Practices. At a public hearing in Los Angeles, witnesses did not comprehend the difference between state or county legislators campaigning on their past records and future programs and judicial candidates who are neither advocates for their decisions nor sponsors of program agendas. Some witnesses wondered why, for example, judges should not have to

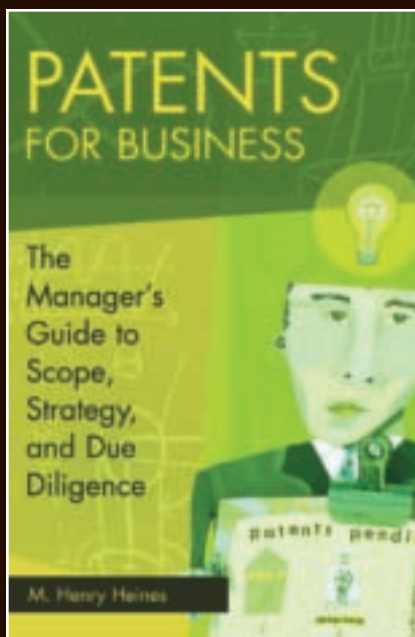
defend their sentences in particular cases. The public does not seem to appreciate that every judicial election presents both the opportunity to educate the public about the judiciary and the risk of misinformation and partisanship.

I do not sense any improvement in public understanding or appreciation for the role of our judiciary over the past 30 years. In fact, the situation has gotten worse. With the reduced emphasis on teaching civics in the schools, the prominence of so-called judicial reality shows that do not necessarily correspond to reality, the general failure of the media to educate the public seriously and in depth, and public apathy in general, the public does not have a good understanding of the role of judges or the importance of their independence.

A recent American Bar Association poll found that over 56 percent of the American public agrees with the statement that "judicial activism . . . seems to have reached a crisis. Judges routinely overrule the will of the people."

In her opening statement on the rule of law as the new Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation, my ALI colleague Kim Askew describes "Mamie Farley . . . [her] fourth-grade teacher. She introduced me to the principles of 'rule of law' and 'independence of the judiciary.' . . . [S]he made civics and government come alive in the classroom. She believed in our constitutional system and made its principles a lot more interesting than the usual math and reading assignments.

"She explained separation of powers and the three separate and equal branches of government. She introduced me to the concept of checks and balances. Because of her, the terms 'independent' and 'impartial' became a part of this young student's lexicon." How many of us here today can relate similar stories from our childhood or, more recently, from our children or grandchildren in the fourth grade, the seventh grade, or any grade? We need many more Miss Farleys.



One of two books on patent law for businesses by M. Henry Heines (JD 78)

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LABORS OF THE MIND

By Jill Goetz

In the 1845 Massachusetts patent case *Davoll et al. v. Brown*, Justice Charles L. Woodbury introduced the term “intellectual property” to the US legal system when he wrote, “only in this way can we protect intellectual property, the labors of the mind, productions and interests as much a man’s own . . . as the wheat he cultivates, or the flocks he rears.”

Laws to protect intellectual property (IP)—property resulting from original creative thought—have existed in the United States since the country was founded. But the field of IP law has changed most dramatically in the past two decades, as copyright, trademark, patent, and other areas of IP law adapt to the technological innovations characterizing the modern US—and global—economy.

Changes in the media through which artistic works, trademarks, personal information, and other forms of IP are used and distributed raise new questions about how to apply copyright laws. In the area of patent law, the technologies themselves—e.g., the biotechnology revolution and the patenting of living organisms—are creating new challenges for patent attorneys. These new media and technologies, coupled with the globalization of the economy, are taking basic IP legal principles into uncharted territory. And it’s not just the IP owners and their attorneys who are taking notice.

IP laws affect everyone—from the professor distributing documents in class, to the student downloading a class lecture on an iPod, to anyone with a cell phone, credit card, or just a name and Social Security number. Intellectual property law routinely makes headlines in the mainstream as well as trade news media. Just a few headlines this fall have included: “MySpace to Block Use of Copyrighted Music on Web Site”; “Video-Sharing Sites Rely on Legitimate Content Defense”; “Justices Slam Nation’s Patent System”; “Buffett Accuses Seller of Using His Trademark”; and “Dead? No Problem: Rights of Publicity Still Apply”.

As new questions arise on how to apply IP laws in this new age, more attorneys are needed to address and help answer them. “In the US we have gone from being a manufacturing- to an information-based society, and IP today is our biggest export,” says Marc Greenberg, associate professor and director of Golden Gate’s Intellectual Property Law Program. “There has never been a greater need for attorneys skilled in IP law.”

WHERE THE ACTION IS

Golden Gate JD students can choose from over two dozen IP-related law courses and have the option of receiving a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, which requires 14 units of IP coursework and offers additional mentoring and networking opportunities. Golden Gate also offers an LLM in Intellectual Property degree for advanced legal study.

“Golden Gate is ideally situated for students to study the theory and practice of IP Law,” notes Greenberg. “We’re just a short walk from the Montgomery Street corridor, with some

of the top IP law firms on the West Coast and where several of our faculty members practice. We're also less than an hour away from Silicon Valley, where so many innovations and ideas are coming from."

Things are equally dynamic inside the classroom, he says. "At Golden Gate, it is not uncommon to teach JD, as well as LLM, students with practical IP-related experience. We've had patent examiners, engineers, scientists, and patent owners in our patent law classes; artists' managers in our entertainment law classes; computer scientists in our Internet law classes." Many of these students attend Golden Gate's night program. "Our night program in IP law—particularly in entertainment law—is richer than you'll find anywhere outside of New York and Los Angeles," Greenberg says.

Greenberg began teaching at GGU in 1992 and launched the Intellectual Property Law Program in 2000 after practicing copyright, trademark, and entertainment law for 21 years at his own boutique firm. He still advises musicians and actors on how to protect their creative assets from misuse and theft. He recently completed a study, with assistance from Meredith Gittings (JD 06), on the debate over whether copyright protection laws in the United States threaten free speech. Greenberg and Gittings reviewed 42 law review articles, in which critics argued that the Copyright Protection Act favors conglomerates and hurts individuals' freedom of expression and copyright law's defenders, argued that it and related doctrines such as "Fair Use" provide adequate protection to public expression.

Greenberg takes the latter view. "I strongly believe copyright law protects the little guy," he says. "Yes, it provides benefits to big companies, but it provides equal—if not more—benefit to individuals.

Time and again it has been successfully applied to prevent the theft of individuals' creative works."

Other entertainment lawyers at Golden Gate include adjunct Michael Ashburne, a nationally known expert on sampling, in which hip-hop and other artists rap over previously recorded music. A founder and Hall of Fame member of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association, he has represented Richard Pryor, Ray Charles, and Danny Glover and cleared rapper Ice Cube's first solo record. Adjunct Ted Parker has handled production, financing and distribution contracts and copyrights for such films as *The Piano*, *Muriel's Wedding*, and *Secrets and Lies*. Adjunct Christopher E. Reggie, a senior business affairs executive at Lucasfilm Ltd. before starting his own firm in 1998, has negotiated production, distribution, and online content agreements for Yahoo! and Sony. Reggie recently made headlines as media attorney for John Mark Karr, former lead suspect in the unsolved child murder case of JonBenet Ramsey. Reggie advises Karr on media issues and related legal matters.

Golden Gate students interested in sports law, which is closely related to entertainment law, can study this high-stakes field from adjunct Stephen L. Baker, whose firm is devoted to managing professional athletes and who currently represents 20 professional football players; and adjunct Kenneth Vierra Jr., a registered contract advisor with the National Football League Players' Association.

THE SHADOW OF IP LAW

Associate Professor William Gallagher is a former partner at Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, where he specialized in copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secrets law. He continues to

handle IP litigation for small startups and large corporations.

In Gallagher's IP Litigation class, students get mock litigation assignments each week and prepare discovery requests and pretrial motions, followed up by debriefing sessions. "This is a rigorous class, in a small class setting, that trains our students in how to do the actual tasks they would on the job," he says. Such training is valuable even for students with no plans to become IP law specialists. "Even a generalist in private practice or in-house counsel needs to have some grasp of IP issues," he says.



▲ Associate Professor William Gallagher with a bobblehead doll his former client, a toy company, made for him after a settlement in a right of publicity case involving an Arnold Schwarzenegger bobblehead doll.

One of Gallagher's specialties is "right of publicity," an emerging area of IP law defined as the right of every individual to control the commercial use of his or her name, image, likeness, or some other identifying aspect of identity. In one of his

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PATENTLY CLEAR

GGU HAS A GROWING CONTINGENT AT US PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

At least six GGU Law graduates are plying their trades at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

After receiving his JD in 2004, David Sterkin traveled to Washington, DC, to work with the IRS as part of the Presidential Management Fellowship Program. Wanting to find a job where he could apply his legal training, he started “papering the town” with his résumé and learned of the USPTO’s six-week crash course in trademark law. He began at the agency as a trademark examining attorney in May 2005.

As a student at GGU, he clerked for US Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James and handled discovery motions in patent litigation cases. “My experience at Golden Gate was great,” Sterkin says. “The quality of teaching was very high, and I never felt I was getting a

legal education different than what I would have gotten anywhere else.”

Sterkin’s responsibilities at the USPTO include reviewing new applications for products, searching to see if a proposed trademark could be confused with an existing one, recommending or rejecting them for approval, and sending instructions to applicants on what needs to be fixed or fine-tuned.

Christina Sobral (JD 06), another trademark examining attorney at the agency, received a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law at Golden Gate and worked as Professor Marc Greenberg’s research assistant to gain additional knowledge in the field. She joined the agency in September 2006. Other alumni at the agency include Dan Russell (IP LLM 05) and Morgan Wynne (JD 06), both trademark examining attorneys; and Matthew Meyers (JD 06), a patent examiner in the Business Methods Unit, where he focuses on new methods of doing business on the Internet.

“As a GGU alum,” says Morgan Wynne, “I have been totally prepared to jump into the practical realities of practicing law and credit my Appellate Advocacy course—for which I received the Witkin Award—for giving me such a strong foundation in clear and concise writing.” She worked her way through law school, first in the Judicial Externship Program and later at the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office; after graduating, she worked at Arnold and Porter LLP before starting at the USPTO in September. “I have found GGU alums eager to be helpful every step of the way,” she says.

She adds, “On a personal note, GGU will always have a very fond place in my heart, because the above-referenced Matt Meyers and I met during our first semester at GGU and were engaged in February!”

Peter N. Fowler (JD 84) is senior counsel in the USPTO Office of Enforcement. He travels extensively for the US government, particularly to Asia and the Middle East, providing technical assistance and training on legislative, policy, and IP enforcement issues. A former chief of staff to the under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the USPTO, he chaired the Clinton Administration’s National Information Infrastructure Conference on Fair Use, worked on the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty, and has served on several US Free Trade Agreement negotiating teams. He has received two Gold Medals and a “Special Act” Award from the Department of Commerce.

Like many IP attorneys, Fowler has been able to incorporate his personal passions into his career. An entertainment and copyright attorney before joining the USPTO, he has been an actor, film producer, and radio and cable talk show host. He also loves teaching and has taught at GGU. One course of which he is especially proud was his Seminar on AIDS and the Law, which he taught at GGU from 1987 until 1995—the third such course taught at any US law school and the first for which students could earn academic credit.

Whatever field of IP law GGU students and alumni may be interested in, Fowler encourages them to consider a stint at his agency. “The rapid, diverse growth of technology, from robotics and nanotechnology to telecommunications and biotech, when linked to the continuing expansion of global markets and hence global trade, have made IP one of the most dynamic areas of the law,” he says. “And the USPTO is the government agency most involved in all aspects of IP protection and enforcement policy. I would strongly encourage GGU graduates to consider working here.”

▲ GGU at the USPTO:

From left, David Sterkin (JD 04), Morgan Wynne (JD 06), Dan Russell (IP LLM 05), Christina Sobral (JD 06), and Peter Fowler (JD 84). Not shown: Matthew Meyers (JD 06).

► At a Golden Gate reception for IP LLM alumni this past spring, attendees included (from left) Adel Suleiman (LLM 06), GGU adjunct professor Ted Parker, and Chung Bothwell (LLM 05).



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cases, Gallagher represented an Ohio toy distribution company that created an Arnold Schwarzenegger bobblehead doll. Schwarzenegger sued, claiming that the doll violated his right of publicity. Although the case raised important and novel legal issues, it ultimately settled before these issues were fully litigated.

More recently, Gallagher has initiated an empirical study examining what happens in the “shadow of the law” as IP attorneys enforce IP rights for their clients. “Law reviews and legal scholars generally study the published appellate cases, but these represent just the tip of the iceberg of what IP attorneys actually do and how IP law operates,” Gallagher says.

Gallagher, a former adjunct at GGU, says he turned down national job offers to join the Golden Gate faculty full time in 2006. “In the space of just six years, our program has developed into a strong one, and it’s exciting to be a part of it,” he says. He particularly enjoys seeing his students land coveted IP law jobs in the Bay Area—students like Mary Shapiro (JD 98), a senior associate in the copyright and trademark department at Townsend and Townsend and Crew. “IP can be very competitive, and IP jobs in the Bay Area are especially prized,” Gallagher says. “It is especially satisfying to see our students get these jobs.”

Another sign of GGU’s growing reputation came this past summer, when both he and Greenberg were invited to give separate presentations at the Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference. It marked only the second time GGU faculty have presented at this prestigious national conference, Greenberg says; his own presentation at the 2005 conference marked the first time.

GETTING PRIVACY RIGHT

Whereas right of publicity cases usually involve celebrities, privacy law applies to everyone and is another emerging area in IP law that needs more practitioners, says GGU adjunct and alumna Sharon A. Anolik (JD 96). A self-described “technology geek,” she says she has always been an avid consumer of new technologies. “Through IP, I discovered that I could tie my love of technology in with my legal career,” she says.

Today, Anolik is the privacy official for Blue Shield of California, where she is responsible for development of and compliance with all of the company’s proper handling of personal information. She educates employees on privacy law and practices and helps to ensure that Blue Shield members’ and employees’ personal information is protected.

“Many companies don’t realize how critical privacy is until they have a breach of privacy data,” she says. “In addition to the legal and regulatory issues that a breach can raise, it can definitely affect a company’s brand. But one of the things that make privacy law different from other areas of IP law is that it is driven not just by prevailing laws and principles, but by additional factors, like self-regulatory frameworks and public perception.

“Every day, questions arise for companies in terms of how new products, features, or services may affect customers’ privacy. The answers are often ambiguous. Companies need to look beyond existing laws to include industry standards, what their competitors are doing, and what their customers expect—that’s where brand, reputation, and perception come in. For example, when ChoicePoint discovered its data breach last year, it chose—initially—to only notify its California customers of the breach, since California was then the only state with a data breach notification law that required notification. But there was such a significant public outcry from customers in other states, that ChoicePoint changed course and opted to notify all of its affected customers. Today, about 35 states have data notification laws like California’s.”

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Anolik adds, "I feel that getting privacy right, especially at a place like Blue Shield, really matters to people. My work in privacy law ultimately has a large, positive impact on individuals, and that inspires me. I love what I do."

GROWTH INDUSTRY

Patent law, particularly patent litigation, is arguably the hottest area in IP law. "Patent litigation is a growth industry," Gallagher says. "Congress is debating the idea of 'patent reform,' and the Supreme Court has taken up a patent law case. There are many questions as to how the law will evolve in the courts."

At GGU, students learn about the latest developments in patent litigation from such noted attorneys as adjunct Robert B. Morrill, a partner with Sidley, Austin LLP who has tried patent and trade secret cases for clients in the semiconductor and telecommunications industries; and adjunct Michael A. Glenn, formerly Intel Corporation's chief intellectual property counsel before founding his own patent firm.



M. Henry Heines

Notable alumni working in patent law include M. Henry Heines (JD 78), a partner at Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, where he works with engineers and scientists to obtain patents in the US and abroad and has authored two books on patent law. Heines is a former president of the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association and onetime GGU adjunct who holds a PhD in chemical engineering. "The patent law attorney serves the unique function of bridging the gap between the scientist and the legal system," he

says. "It can be highly satisfying to both attorney and client, and after 32 years in patent practice, I wouldn't pick any other field."

Other noted patent law alumni include Jeffry Mann (JD 97), partner and head of the biotechnology group at Morgan Lewis who formerly served on the faculty in the Department of Radiology at the University of California, San Francisco and is the inventor of two patented drug delivery vehicles. Current GGU evening students with patent law experience include David Carpenter, head of patent prosecution at Genentech, and Tara Ho Paterno, both scheduled to graduate in December 2006; and Sharmila Pandharipande (JD 07).

Carpenter, who holds a PhD in molecular genetics and developmental biology, was working as a postdoc at Genentech in South San Francisco when a job opened up in the in-house legal department for a scientific advisor in bioinformatics.

Carpenter is now nearing the end of his JD program to work in his new legal role at Genentech.

Ho Paterno, who will obtain her IP certificate from GGU, has a degree in industrial engineering and worked as a patent examiner at the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) before attending law school.

"The USPTO is years behind in reviewing applications patents," she says. "There are so many inventions, and there is a tremendous need for more patent examiners and attorneys. "While I was there, I examined everything from staplers in copy machines to industrial nail guns. It was a great place to combine my passions for engineering and law."

Ho Paterno is equally passionate about the training she's received at GGU. "The IP group [of faculty] has some of the best professors I've ever had," she says. "And I am the biggest cheerleader for the evening law program." While attending GGU, Ho Paterno has worked as a paralegal, an IP litigation clerk, and a summer associate at several law firms, including Morrison & Foerster LLP. "Working as a paralegal gave me invaluable practical experience; for example, in something as simple as billing," she says. "The average law student comes out having no idea how to bill hours."

Another evening JD student, Sharmila Pandharipande, works full time as a patent agent at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, California, where she prepares and prosecutes chemical and biotechnology patents and conducts research related to intellectual property. Pandharipande, who holds graduate degrees in cell and molecular biology and microbiology, has worked as a biotechnology patent writer, prosecuted patent applications before the USPTO, and conducted research for the Human Genome Project. She received the prestigious William Bullinger Memorial Scholarship from the Federal Circuit Bar Association in 2006; her other honors have included Witkin Awards and Joseph R. and June B. Rensch Endowed Scholarships.



Marc Greenberg director of the IP Law Program, with student Tara Ho Paterno.

TIPS FOR LANDING A JOB IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

by Kimberly Chew (JD 07)

In spring 2006, Thomas Murphy (JD 00), in-house corporate counsel for GoldenGate Software, Inc., spoke to GGU students about strategies for finding IP jobs. His talk, “An Overall Strategy for Obtaining a Career in Intellectual Property Licensing and In House Counsel,” was sponsored by Law Career Services and the Intellectual Property Law Association student group.

Murphy, who has worked as legal counsel at Advent Software, Inc. and Marimba, Inc., said students must first identify what they love to do or are at least interested in pursuing to help them narrow down their options. With so many specialties and emerging subspecialties, the choices in IP law may become overwhelming. He suggested pursuing coursework and internships in areas of potential interest. Recalling his own time at GGU, he said he was especially drawn to classes involving contracts, so besides the first-year Contracts coursework he took Intellectual Property Licensing, Advanced Contracts, Internet Law, Trademark Law, and Securities.

He also pursued every opportunity for real-world experience. While in law school he worked as a summer associate for a defense litigation firm, clerk to an IP licensing attorney and at a patent prosecution firm, legal intern at a healthcare corporation, and law clerk at the Securities and Exchange Commission. He found he most connected with the in-house and IP licensing positions. This insight, combined

with his prior interest in the arts (he minored in studio art as an undergraduate), pointed him toward IP law and licensing as a career goal.

Next, he weaved these experiences into a résumé “package,” with a story for why he wanted to work in-house at a software company. Because the story connected his life experiences, school-work, and job experiences in a cohesive way, it helped him land a corporate counsel position straight out of law school.

“Lawyers tend to be linear thinkers, so your résumé and the story behind it must account for this,” he said. “If your résumé lacks a coherent, central theme, you may want to consider either streamlining it or spending the time to map out a logical story to connect the pieces. Seemingly random coursework and job experiences can work in a résumé, as long as you can explain them in a linear fashion.”

Finally, Murphy offered that it helps to have something unusual or unique on a résumé. He has an International Certificate in French from the Sorbonne and worked at Euro-Disney for a few months. Though speaking French was not directly related to the jobs he was applying for, interviewers always asked him about the Disney experience because it was distinctive and showed initiative.

His parting advice to the GGU students is applicable for anyone pursuing an IP law job: “Build your résumé—every semester counts, and every job counts.”

“YOUR ASSETS ARE ALL RIGHT UP HERE”

One of GGU’s best-known names in IP law is that of adjunct and alumna Anne Hiaring (LLM 06). A specialist in trademark and copyright law since 1981, she is former president of the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association and former chair of the State Bar of California Intellectual Property Law Association and has been an active member of the State Bar’s IP law section for many years.

Hiaring’s interest in IP law was first piqued at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, LLP, working on a trademark infringement case for Levi Strauss and meeting Bill Gates in a software copyright case for Microsoft. She went on to work as IP rights attorney at Pacific Telesis, where she was responsible for all aspects of domestic and international trademark filing and enforcement.

She loved the work, but not the work environment and schedule. “I had young children, and my job offered no flexibility,” she says. In 1990 she started her own firm in a spare bedroom. “It felt like I was stepping off into the void,” she says.

To get her solo practice off the ground, Hiaring says she arranged meetings “with everyone I knew.” At one such meeting, she told Randy Kay (a former GGU adjunct) about her IP law background and interest in teaching, which she had been pursuing in IP law seminars for the Bar Association of San Francisco and other membership organizations. Kay referred her to then-Dean Anthony Pagano, and Hiaring was hired. Her GGU courses have included IP basics, but more recently International Intellectual Property Law, both on campus and in GGU’s summer program in Bangkok. In 2006 she received her LLM in International Legal Studies at Golden Gate because of her international work.

“IP has always been an international area of practice—perhaps one of the first,” she says. Rights are territorial; if you have a patent or trademark, you must file it in every country you do business with. Foreign companies need to be protected in the US, so they need good counsel here; and more US-based companies are expanding overseas, so they need their rights protected overseas.” Today, Hiaring’s clients range from American skateboarders to French winemakers. She estimates a third of her practice is with international clients.

Hiaring encourages alumni interested in IP law who are considering going solo to make a go of it. “IP is one of those areas getting a lot of attention right now, and there is a great need for more specialists,” she says. “It doesn’t have to be prohibitively expensive, either. Today you can start your own practice for under \$10,000. After all,” she says (tapping her forehead), “your assets are all right up here.”

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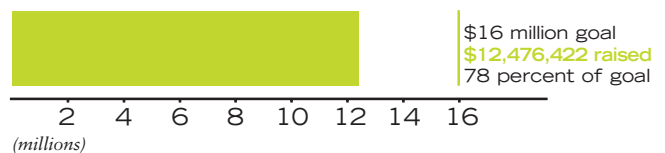
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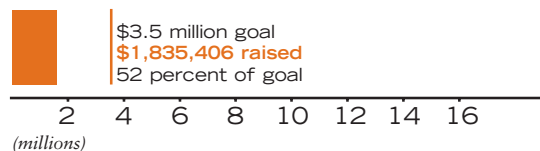
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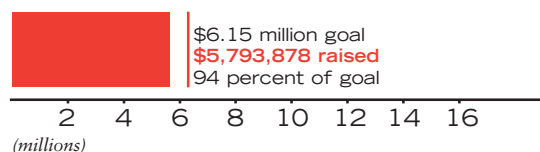
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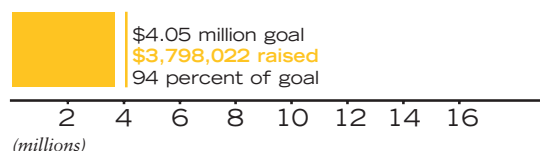
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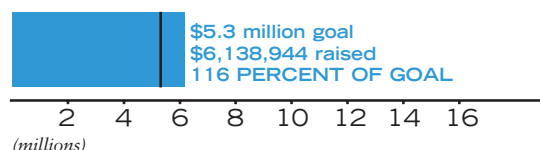
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4. Teaching and Learning



5. Endowment





Julie D. Soo (JD 96) speaks at the February 2006 Swearing-In Ceremony; to her right are presiding judges Cynthia M. Lee (JD 74) and Marilyn J. Teeter (JD 77), who like so many other GGU alumni volunteered their time and services for the School of Law in 2005–06.

Alumni Volunteers July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Whether serving as mentors to GGU law students, as GGU ambassadors to law students of the future, or helping the School of Law in innumerable other ways, GGU alumni volunteers generously donated their time and expertise during the 2005–06 fiscal year. Below is a list to thank the many GGU alumni who have assisted with programming in Law Career Services, Law Student Services, Law Admissions, Law Alumni Relations, and our other offices and who have served as mentors to so many of our students on so many levels. If you volunteered with the School between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006, and do not see your name below, please contact us so we can be sure to recognize you in the future.

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Bold and Italics: GGU Alumni Association Board of Directors

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George Derieg	(JD 05)	Angie Neale	(MA 03)	Judith Whitehouse	(JD 98)
Tracey K. Edwards	(JD 81, LLM 83)	Robert E. Nichols	(JD 81)	Brian Williamson	(JD 05)
				Jacque Wilson	(JD 00)

The Sky's No Limit for this Rising Star

Commencement Day marks the capstone of one's law school career and the symbolic start of a new—or, for LLM and SJD degree recipients, more rewarding—legal career. But GGU Law Commencement 2006 was more than symbolic for Jasbir Kaur Khalsa (LLM 06); it was the day she landed her next job.

That may be a bit of a stretch. But it was at the May 2006 Commencement ceremony on San Francisco's Nob Hill that Khalsa, the LLM graduating class speaker, first met Commencement keynote speaker Dave Roberson (JD 78), CEO and president of Hitachi Data Systems (HDS). Thanks in part to that fateful meeting and a few others with top HDS administrators, Khalsa would be working for the company four months later—in a position very similar to the one Dave Roberson had held a quarter-century earlier.

Khalsa, who received her undergraduate degree at London's Brunel University and worked as a litigator at Shoosmith's law firm in London before coming to GGU in 2004 for an LLM in US Legal Studies, had long wanted to increase her knowledge of international and particularly US law. "With the globalization of the economy, there's just no way to be successful in the corporate world without having a firm grounding in international law," she says. "I thought the degree would give me an edge."

Khalsa, who says she knew she "wanted to work for a great company" after attending GGU, said it was Roberson's Commencement speech that inspired her to speak with him after the ceremony. "It was what he said about people asking him why he's stayed at one company for 25 years, and his responding that [HDS] was a place where he could keep growing and learning. He started at the bottom, as a contracts administrator, and is today CEO. That doesn't just speak to his ambition and desire to succeed,

because if you're hitting your head against a brick wall you're not going to get very far. It spoke to the company being a place that allows room for its employees to grow and move ahead. It sounded like a great place to work."



Jasbir Kaur Khalsa (LLM 06) with Dean Frederic White at a GGU alumni reception at the 2006 State Bar of California Annual Meeting.

Roberson referred her to Gregory M. Coplans, senior vice president for corporate affairs at HDS. He and another VP at the company—both of them, like Khalsa, from England—were very familiar with Khalsa's former employer, Shoosmiths (which has done legal work for HDS) and impressed with her professional background.

Khalsa was offered the job of solutions business analyst in the finance department. "Greg knew that my legal background was in business and sales, not finance, and that this job would require a major learning curve for me," she says. "But he was so encouraging and said it would be a great opportunity for me to learn and progress."

"I was impressed that Jasbir had reached out to Dave Roberson, and by following up on all her leads she positioned herself for a successful result," Coplans says. "I was delighted that HDS was able to offer her a position. As a solutions business analyst, Jasbir will learn skills that will

stand her in good stead for her career, whether she decides to become an HDS in-house lawyer or pursue a business role."

In her job Khalsa spends considerable time working on contracts and contract negotiations, just as Roberson once had. She says about half of her work is legal; the other half involves working on revenue recognition policies, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, and some international trade issues. "The job is fascinating," she says, "and a great way to learn about the company's policies and procedures."

Khalsa believes a key to her success is always thinking ahead. "Too many law students don't think beyond law school. All a legal education shows is that you've got the aptitude. To make yourself attractive to an employer, you've got to take advantage of practical learning opportunities as much as possible in law school."

For Khalsa, that meant working as a contract/legal clerk at Advent Software and as a senior law clerk at the Palladian Law Group while attending GGU.

"As I said in my Commencement speech, law school graduates should not arrogantly believe that professional opportunities will now be imparted to us. It is up to us to take control of our career paths and seize the opportunities that are offered to us, even if they may not always be exactly what we'd like them to be."

Taking control would seem to come naturally for Khalsa. A licensed pilot and one-time martial arts instructor, she has two legal degrees and three years of legal experience at the age of only 25. She is a member of the New York bar and passed the California bar examination on her first try in July 2006. Echoing Roberson's Commencement speech call to graduates to "dream big," Khalsa aspires to work as senior counsel for an international company some day. Coming from her, it doesn't sound like pie in the sky.

Super Lawyers 2006

GGU Northern California "Super Lawyers" in 2006

In the last issue of this magazine, we included the list of GGU alumni named Northern California "Super Lawyers" for 2005. We are pleased to include the list for 2006, which is even longer and totals 95 alumni—plus esteemed GGU Professor Roger Bernhardt. *Law and*

Politics magazine conducts the annual poll of more than 46,000 Northern California active attorneys who have practiced for five or more years, asking them to identify outstanding attorneys they have "personally observed in action." The GGU alumni are listed below.

Roger Bernhardt	GGU Law Faculty	Matthew Shier	JD 76	Virginia Palmer	JD 80	Marte Bassi	JD 86
John Murray	BS 50, JD 77	Leonard Weiler	JD 76	Amy Rodney	JD 80	Thomas Norton	JD 86
Paul Ligda	JD 61	Jeff Appleman	JD 77	David Sternberg	JD 80	Andrea Palash	JD 86
Guyton Jinkerson	BA 66, JD 69	Priscilla Camp	JD 77	James Tiemstra	JD 80	Barry Zimmerman	JD 86
Lyle Cavin	JD 69	John Frailing	JD 77	Jonathan Bacon	JD 81	David Fink	JD 87
Lawrence Kern	JD 69	John Hamigan	JD 77	Jeffrey Cereghino	JD 81	Tammy-Lyn Gallerani	JD 87
James Barr	JD 70	Robert Kaplan	JD 77	Cynthia McGuinn	JD 81	Ann Moorman	JD 87
Kenneth Robinson	JD 72	Arlene Kostant	JD 77	Maria Pracher	JD 81	Peter Mastromonaco	JD 88
Diana Richmond	JD 73	Scott Lueders	JD 77	Paige Wickland	JD 81	James Sell	JD 88
John Barg	JD 74	Marc Van Der Hout	JD 77	Robert Cartwright	JD 82	Susan Handelman	JD 89
Steven Enochian	JD 74	Andrew Wiegel	JD 77	Susan Coats	JD 82	John Harding	JD 89
William Gwire	JD 74	Frank Yuen	JD/MBA 77, LLM 85	Michael Markowitz	JD 82	Ernest Der	JD 91, LLM 01
Richard Sherman	JD 74	Rebecca Conradi	JD/MBA 78	Antoinette Mills	JD 82	Lissa Rapoport	JD 92
Gilbert Stein	JD 74	George Cotsirilos, Jr.	JD 78	Barbara Suskind	JD 82	Albert Stoll, Jr.	JD 92
Peter Goodman	JD 75	Jan Lecklikner	JD 78	Angela Bean	JD 83	Robert Waldsmith	JD 92
Lee Pearce	JD 75	Thomas Pegnim	JD 78	Paul Barulich	JD 84	Stephanie Bradshaw	JD 93
Donald Person	JD 75	Judith Berliner Cohen	JD 79	Peter Hart	JD 84	Eric Farber	JD 93
Pamela Pierson	JD 75	Karen Hawkins	JD 79, MBA 81	Dolores Sargent	JD 84	Daniel Roemer	JD 93
Lynda Brothers	JD 76	Richard Maxion	JD 79	Carl Schulz	JD 84	Heidi Timken	JD 93
Terry Helbush	JD 76	William May	JD 79	Leslie Smith	JD 84	Shane Ford	JD 94
Bertrand LeBlanc	JD 76	James Vandersloot	JD 79	Ellen Bastier	JD 85	Tanya Prioste*	JD 94
Michael McKenna	JD 76	Sean Gleason	JD 80	John Camozzi	JD 85, MBA 90	Joan Herrington	JD 95
Marilyn Morris	JD 76	Esther Lerner	JD 80	Barry Gorelick	JD 85	John Hyland	JD 95
Eileen Preville	JD 76	Roy Otis	JD 80	Randy Riddle	JD 85		

* We neglected to include Tanya Prioste in the 2005 listing of "Super Lawyers" in the last issue of this magazine.

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Let Us Hear From You!

Class Notes Deadline for Spring/Summer: March 31, 2007

Have you made a career move, changed your address, added to your family, or received an award? Mail, fax, or email your news and photos to:

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JOHN D. COKER (JD 67) is a partner at Coker & Ramirez and teaches at San Francisco Law School.

JAMES C. GLASSFORD (JD 74) teaches law at John F. Kennedy University in Walnut Creek, Calif.

RUTH ASTLE SAMAS (JD 74) passed her oral examination to complete her candidacy for an SJD degree in international law in March and is writing her dissertation.

IRA H. BARG (JD 76) spoke on June 16, 2006, about "Mental Health Issues in Criminal Defense: Civil Commitments in the Criminal Justice System" at an event presented by the San Francisco Bar Association and the Indigent Defense Administration of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service.

HENRY M. DOMZALSKI (JD 77) spent one year in West Darfur, Sudan, with the United Nations before transferring to Canberra, Australia. Domzalski and his Australian wife have a 5-year-old daughter.

DENISE K. MILLS (JD 77) was honored by *Law and Politics* and *5280* magazine as a "Super Lawyer" in Colorado in her field of family law. She was also voted one of the "Top 25 Female Lawyers" and one of the state's "Top 50 Lawyers" overall.

THOMAS W. CAIN (JD 79) is a law professor at John F. Kennedy University and a partner in the law firm of Owens and Cain in Walnut Creek, Calif., where he is developing a structural theory for alternative dispute resolution based on Japanese custom.

CHARLES J. GREENE (JD/MBA 79) is a vice president and treasurer of Harris Corp. in Melbourne, Fla.

SUE E. LUNBECK (JD 80) is director of the Legal Education Opportunity Program at Hastings College of the Law, University of California.

CYNTHIA A. BERNET-MCGUINN (JD 81) of The Veen Firm was named one of *San Francisco Daily Journal's* "Top 75 Women Litigators."

MARY P. CANNING (JD 81, LLM 82), dean of GGU's School of Taxation and School of Accounting, was quoted in the *San Jose Mercury-News* in April 2006 about the rise in demand for auditing positions with the IRS and an increase in the number of jobs for accounting tax professionals due to stiffer corporate accounting rules.

PAMELA A. PECORA-HANSEN (JD 81) is an attorney with the San Francisco district attorney's office.

W. SCOTT THOMAS (LLM 82), a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius in San Francisco, was listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" in 2006 and was named by *Worth* magazine as one of the top 100 lawyers in America serving high-net-worth individuals and families.

KATHLEEN M. MACPHERSON (JD 83) was one of 15 attorneys accepted into the doctoral degree program in canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

PAMELA K. PARKER (JD 84) is director of legal policy and program support at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Austin.

JAMES C. EARLE (JD 85) is of counsel for McGuireWoods LLP in Los Angeles.

JEFFREY R. OLSON (JD 85) is a partner with McCormick Barstow in Modesto, Calif.

RANDY RIDDLE (JD 85) is a partner at Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP Public Law Group in San Francisco, representing public agencies and non-profit organizations in election law, government law and government litigation matters.

JEFFREY W. HOOK (JD 86, LLM 99) has his own law office in San Mateo, Calif.

MICHAEL S. WILLIAMS (JD 86), Napa County Superior Court commissioner, was profiled in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

MOHAMED A. NASRALLA (JD 87) was promoted to acting co-director of the GGU School of Law library.

LAURIE S. BRADY (JD 88), Contra Costa County Superior Court judge, was profiled in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

LENORE R. DEFUESTA (JD 91) practices insurance law as an associate with Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP in San Francisco.

ROGER L. WONG (JD 92) is the city manager of Gustine, Calif.

SUSAN M. CROCKER (JD 93) returned home to Massachusetts after serving 12 years as a public defender in Alaska.

MILES J. DOLINGER (JD 93) practices land-use and municipal law as an associate with Berliner Cohen in San Jose. Dolinger lives in Felton, Calif., with his wife and two children.

JOHN A. NAGEL (JD 93) was promoted to assistant city attorney of Vallejo, Calif. Nagel first joined the office of the city attorney in 1999.

MARTHA PUGH (JD 93) joined the tax department of the Washington, DC, office of Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP as a partner. She was formerly a partner with McDermott Will & Emery. Pugh specializes in tax-related issues for energy companies.

MARY SALLUCE (JD 93) is a hearings attorney for the state of Texas comptroller of public accounts in Austin.

SUSAN W. LEFF (JD 95) is an attorney with the Office of Citizen Complaints for the San Francisco Police Commission. She is also an adjunct professor of trial advocacy and criminal litigation for GGU.

EDWARD P. MURPHY (JD 95) is a partner at Rudloff Wood & Barrows LLP in Emeryville, Calif.

ROBERT C. PLATT (LLM 95) practices tax, probate and real-estate law as a partner with Platt & Brown in Oakland and teaches federal taxation at San Francisco Law School.

GARY MASELLIS (JD 96) is director of BarPassers of Santa Monica, Calif.

ARTHUR MEAD (JD 96) was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of Crowley Maritime Corp. in Jacksonville, Fla.

AMY MILLER (JD 96) was promoted to supervisor for the wetland and storm-water enforcement team at the Region IX office of the US Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco.

LEON K. AINER (JD 97, LLM 98), a principal at Ainer & Fraker LLP in Saratoga, Calif., led a brown-bag discussion at GGU about estate planning.

KEVIN ALLEN (JD 97), director of the Office of Citizen Complaints for the City and County of San Francisco, was one of three Americans selected to attend a summit in Moscow in July on NGOs.

LAYNE K. FRIEDRICH (JD 97), attorney for Lawyers for Clean Water, was incorrectly referred to as a "he" in the last issue of this magazine. Our apologies, Layne!

CAROLYN ROWLAND (JD 97, below) was made partner at Powell Goldstein LLP.



Carolyn Rowland

JAIME UZIEL (JD 97), now junior partner at Sheppard Rosen Law Firm LLP and baby Micah celebrated the swearing-in of mom **TARA UZIEL (JD 05)** at GGU's February 2006 Swearing-In Ceremony.



Uziel Family

NADINE L. BURG (JD 98) is an assistant family law facilitator with the Superior Court of San Mateo County, Calif.

ROBERT B. KATZ (JD 98) opened an office in Las Vegas. Katz & Associates is also located in Woodland Hills, Calif.

WENDY M. GINDICK (JD 99) accepted a position as labor associate with New York State United Teachers, representing teachers in disciplinary hearings and arbitrations.

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CLASS NOTES

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TAMIZA A. HOCKENHULL (JD 98) serves on the board of the Charles Houston Bar Association and has been appointed to the Fair Employment and Housing Commission.

CASSANDRA HOLMAN (JD 99) is an associate in the litigation department in the San Francisco office of Buchalter Nemer, where she practices in the areas of business, commercial, real estate and financial institutions litigation.

STACEY D. POOLE (JD 99) is a family-law attorney with Lerner Law Offices in San Francisco.

STEVEN M. ROSENBERG (JD 99) is a staff attorney at the California Supreme Court, working on death-penalty appeals and habeas corpus proceedings.

KENT LAWSON (LLM 00) is a partner at Rowbotham & Co. LLP in San Francisco. He joined the firm in 1999; his practice focuses on global tax minimization strategies for businesses, founders, executives and investors.

DANA D. LOFGREEN (JD 00) joined Esplin & Weight of Provo, Utah, specializing in employment law.

THERESA A. REPEDE (JD 00) is the attorney-advisor for the office of general counsel, Department of Homeland Security, where she counsels on immigration issues. Repede lives outside Washington, DC, with her son, John Paul.

JANE R. DRESSLER (JD 01) is managing attorney for the Civil Court Appointed Attorneys Program of the Alameda County (Calif.) Bar Association.

MARCIE KEEVER (JD 01) is program director at San Francisco Beautiful, where she is working on an anti-billboard campaign and other beautification issues in San Francisco.

KENNETH S. SOGABE (JD 01) left his position as a prosecutor for the Department of Homeland Security in San Francisco to teach political science at the Central Texas College Pacific campus in Tokyo.

TODD VOLLMERHAUSEN (JD 01) and **DENISE GLAGAU (LLM 01)** had a baby girl, Sophie Ann, in April 2006. Glagau joined the Global Equity Services Group at Baker & McKenzie LLP as an associate in August 2006.

JOSEPH R. WHEELER (JD 01) is an associate with the law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Sacramento.

MISCHA POLES WHITE (JD 01) and husband Eric had a son, Michael Akela White, born June 25, 2006. Their daughter Abrielle turned three in September.

MARY WILKE (JD 01) is practicing environmental law in San Francisco with the Law Office of John D. Edgcomb. Her baby boy, Broghan Bennett Wilke-Hiland, was born April 16, 2006.

CANDICE K. CARR (JD 02) has served as corporate counsel and senior manager for business affairs for cafepress.com in Foster City, Calif., since October 2004.

NAZNIN B. CHALLA (JD 02) is an associate with Evans, Latham and Campisi in San Francisco.

SEPIDEH GHIASVAND (JD 02) joined Royse Law Firm in Palo Alto, Calif., focusing on business and tax law.

NDUKA E. UKOHA-AJIKE (LLM 02), an attorney in Oakland, hosted a brown-bag lunch at GGU to talk about his estate-planning practice.

SHANE M. CAHILL (JD 03) is an associate with McCormick Barstow LLP in Fresno, Calif.

HEIDI CAIN (JD 03) spent the summer of 2006 in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region doing hurricane recovery work with the Mississippi Center for Legal Services.

JESSICA A. DAYTON (JD 03) is a staff attorney with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) in San Mateo, Calif.

DAVID C. FOSTER (JD 03) joined Medarex Inc. in its Milpitas, Calif., office as intellectual-property counsel.

JULIE GLOSSON (JD 03) is a trial attorney with the San Francisco

office of the US Trustee Program, a component of the US Department of Justice.

KANYADA BHUSAWANG (LLM 04) is the legal manager of Bitser Corp. in Bangkok, Thailand.

MARTHA CORDOBA (JD 04) practices immigration law at the Law Offices of Martha L. Cordoba in San Francisco.

JEFF COYNER (JD 04) is working as an associate at Procter, McCarthy & Slaughter, where he is focusing on construction defect/mold litigation cases.

JASON S. NELSON (JD 04) is profiled in the article titled, "Going Solo - Eight Who Did," in the summer 2006 issue of the Bar Association of San Francisco's magazine, *San Francisco Attorney*.

MICHAEL J. ROBERTSON (JD 04) is legislative coordinator in the office of US Senator Barack Obama, D-Ill., in Washington, DC.

JESSICA BIERNIER (JD 05) is an associate specializing in plaintiff-side products liability litigation at Levin Simes Kaiser and Gornick LLP in San Francisco.

KERRI KRUTTSCHNITT (JD 05) is a staff attorney at Herum Crabtree Brown in Stockton, Calif.

ELIZABETH SIMMONS (JD 05) is a legal editor with Nolo Press in Berkeley.

PAULINE LIVINGSTON YEE (JD 05) is the special-gifts and planned-giving coordinator for Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, Calif.

EVELYNN BROWN REMPLE (LLM 06) is the author of "Capital Punishment and Life Sentences for Juvenile Offenders" in the book titled *The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: An Analysis of Treaty Provisions and Implications of US Ratification*.

FAYE TILLERY (JD 06) is business affairs coordinator for cafepress.com in Foster City, Calif.

SHAUN GAFOURI (JD 06) is an associate with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith in their San Francisco office.

CLAIRE HULSE (JD 06) is working as a judicial law clerk at Immigration Court in San Francisco. She was hired as part of the US Department of Justice Honors Program.

BRIGID KAVANAGH JAFFE (JD 06) is an associate at Silk, Adler & Colvin, a tax law firm specializing in the law of nonprofit organizations.

HEATHER LEDGERWOOD (JD 06) gave birth to Cedar Aren Ledgerwood (below) five days after taking (and passing) the California bar exam.



Cedar Aren Ledgerwood

GGU Launches NEW JOURNAL on Environmental Law

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investigation into the presence of racism and injustice in the creation and implementation of environmental laws. The symposium will both honor those who began this powerful movement for equality, and reflect upon the progress of the environmental justice movement.

Jake Lubarsky is a third-year student at the School of Law and symposium editor of the new Environmental Law Journal.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES J. TONKIN (JD 52)

LORETTA W. MCDONNELL (JD 90)

TERRANCE E. HELMICK (JD 77)

MARIE DAVIDSON (JD 95)

GOLDEN GATE AT THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA 2006 ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

More than 40 School of Law alumni and their guests attended a Friday night reception in early October during the State Bar of California's 79th Annual Program Meeting in Monterey. Following welcoming remarks from Dean Frederic White, alumni working as (or retired as) judges, firm partners, librarians, public defenders, legal editors and in a range of other legal professions caught up with each other and their alma mater. Many alums attending the State Bar Annual Meeting also dropped by the School of Law's booth in the Exhibition Hall, where GGU law faculty and staff were on hand throughout the Annual Meeting to share information on LLM and other School of Law programs and activities. Overall, GGU had a strong and well-received presence throughout the 2006 State Bar Annual Meeting.



At the GGU alumni reception, clockwise from top, are: (1) from left, William Heath (JD 83) and Judge William Robert Fawke (JD 69); (2) from left, Karen Hawkins (JD 79, MBA 81), Barbara Sehnal Soukup (LLM 04), and Karen Kadushin (JD 77); (3) from left, Jonathan Chu (JD 00, LLM 05), GGU administrative director of graduate law programs, with Pamela Kong (JD 02) and Rebecca Prozan (JD 03); and (4) Vernon Goins (JD 99). In photo 5, Associate Professor Marc Greenberg informs visitors about GGU's LLM and other academic law programs at the School of Law booth in the Annual Meeting Exhibition Hall. GGU alums visiting the booth included (6) from left, Linda Bjorke (JD 04) and Bernadette St. John (JD 85). In photo 7, Micol Benet, one of four GGU students to receive Foundation of the State Bar of California Law School Scholarships in 2006 (see page 5), met Martin Luther King III, the keynote speaker at the foundation's annual luncheon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 27: BEAT THE CLOCK.

MCLE Event and Networking Luncheon. GGU, 536 Mission Street, 8:45 am to 4 pm., Rooms 2201-2202. Earn up to 5 MCLE credits before the Feb. 1st deadline. \$75 for GGU alumni from the classes of 2004 or earlier; \$35 for GGU alumni from the classes of

2005 and 2006; \$150 for non-GGU alumni, and free for current GGU students and faculty. **Contact** Matthew Jenkins, mjenkins@ggu.edu, 415-442-6541.

FEBRUARY 6: JESSE CARTER DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES.

Timothy Alan Simon, GGU adjunct professor and appointment secretary to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will give a lecture as part of the Carter lecture series. GGU, 536 Mission Street, noon to 1 pm, Room 2202. **Contact** David Oppenheimer, dbo@ggu.edu, 415-442-6655.



FEBRUARY 16: GGU SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION.

The annual reception for scholarship recipients and their benefactors. **Contact** Debra Holcomb, dholcomb@ggu.edu, 415-442-7829.



MARCH 23: EIGHTH ANNUAL STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION.

GGU, 536 Mission Street, 9 am to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of California.

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APRIL 6: FULBRIGHT SYMPOSIUM.

17th Annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Problems. GGU, 536 Mission Street. **Contact** Ross Lawley, rlawley@ggu.edu, 415-442-6604.

MAY 11: SCHOOL OF LAW 2007 COMMENCEMENT.

Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California St., San Francisco, 2 pm. **Contact** Associate Dean Susanne Aronowitz, saronowitz@ggu.edu, 415-442-6625.

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